

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A tape cassette comprising:
upper and lower half cases of which a cassette case is composed;
a reel with a magnetic tape wound thereon being rotatably stored in the cassette case;
a pressure mechanism for pressing elastically the central upper portion of the reel, the pressure mechanism being mounted on the upper half case;
a center pin being disposed on one of the reel central upper portion and the pressure mechanism; and
a flat plate portion contacted by the center pin, the flat plate portion being disposed on the other of the reel central upper portion and the pressure mechanism;
wherein one of the center pin and the flat plate portion is molded mainly of polyacetal-system synthetic resin, the other is molded mainly of polybutylene-system or polyethylene-system synthetic resin, and titanium oxide is added to ~~at least one of these two kinds of synthetic resin in the polybutylene-system or polyethylene-system synthetic resin.~~

2. (ORIGINAL) The tape cassette as claimed in claim 1, wherein the addition amount of the inorganic powder based on the total amount of the synthetic resin and the inorganic powder is set in the range of 15 ~ 45 weight percent.

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3. (CANCELLED)